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1. SINCE I HAD A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED LUNCHEON JANUARY 31 WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE LEBER (AT WHICH SCHNELL AND EBERHARD WERE ALSO PRESENT), I CONVEYED SECRETARY BROWN'S LETTER TO HIM AT THAT TIME, TOGETHER WITH TEXT OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. I STRESSED NECESSITY OF KEEPING INFORMATION SECRET UNTIL RELEASE IN WASHINGTON. I ALSO TOLD LEBER THAT SECRETARY BROWN HOPED TO CALL HIM AROUND 3 P.M. LOCAL TIME. (WE HAVE SINCE LEARNED THAT THIS CALL WENT THROUGH.)
2. LEBER WAS CLEARLY VERY PLEASED WITH OUR DECISION, WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS SOUND ON THE MERITS AS WELL AS PROMISING IN TERMS OF FUTURE COOPERATION IN THE DEFENSE FIELD. HE NOTED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DECISION HAD NOT BEEN AN EASY ONE FOR THE PENTAGON, AND THAT THERE HAD ALSO BEEN COMPLICATIONS ON THE GERMAN SIDE. HOWEVER, BOTH PARTNERS HAD BEEN PREPARED TO DEMONSTRATE FLEXIBILITY IN MAKING THE NECESSARY COMPROMISES. LEBER ASKED ME TO PASS HIS DEEP APPRE-
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